

GOLDEN TROWEL NORWALK LODGE # 273



Stated Meeting 2nd Thursday of each month

Dinner: 6:30 p.m. – Meeting: 7:30 p.m.

Golden Trowel Norwalk Lodge No.273

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TRESTLEBOARD



GOLDEN TROWEL NORWALK

OFFICERS

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Joseph Patronas, PM - **Senior Warden**

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Ben Carr - **Treasurer**

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Frank Gillespie, P.M. - **Officer's Coach**

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Andrew Demofonte, H.A. - **Hall Association President**

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Ryan Reyna - **Chaplain**

Larry Orozco - **Junior Deacon**

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James Dawson - **Senior Steward**

Albert Estrella - **Junior Steward**

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LODGE. CALENDAR

August

4 Mon 7pm Temple Board/ Executive meeting

7 Thurs practice/qualify

14 Thurs 6:30pm Stated dinner/ meeting

21 Thurs practice/qualifying

23 Sat 4pm Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament - Sweethearts Trip

28 Thurs practice/qualifying

29 Fri Game Night

Stated DINNER

Join us for an evening of fellowship as we share a meal with our lodge:

- Loaded Nachos
- Side salad
- Churros
- Ice cream & caramel

RSVP in one of two ways:

1. **Respond to the email** sent from Grand Lodge and click the event link to RSVP with number attending.
2. **Call the lodge at 562-863-9101**, press 2, and leave a voicemail with your name and the number in your party.



WORSHIPFUL MASTER



Happy August

Going into August we are still Dark for OSI. The Lodge is still working on getting officers qualified for next year, congrats to Brother Stephen for being the first one out the gate to qualify, our incoming officers senior deacon Brother Orozco and our Senior Warden Brother Thomas are close behind.

C Congratulations to Brother Nico on returning his second degree Proficiency, this month we will be practicing for his third degree in Sept.

Congratulations also to Brother Hiest on returning his third degree proficiency and officially becoming our candidates coach.

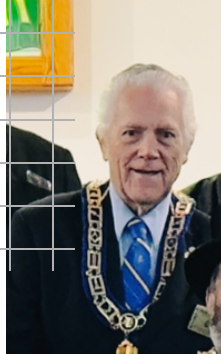
our Lodge has been moving forward at a great pace and hope to see more members back in lodge.

we will be having our sweethearts trip to Mideviel times, we are set to have another family fun night Aug 29, and for those who can make it out Brother Bernie kirk's celebration of life is Aug 9.

Looking forward to seeing you all at stated!

Mark Patton P.M. H.A.
Worshipful Master

ENTERTAINMENT REPORT



ATTENTION ATTENTION

Our Laughlin trip will be Thursday the 2nd, Friday the 3rd, Saturday the 4th and returning home Sunday the 5th in October 2025 double occupancy. We will start collecting money at our August 14 stated meeting.

Any questions call Frank Gillespie at 562-863-6388.

Please speak clearly and slowly include your phone number.

Thanks and looking forward to our outing!

Frank Gillespie, P.M. - Officer's Coach



Upcoming Trips & Events



Medieval Times – Sweethearts Dinner

Saturday 23th @ 4pm 7662 Beach Blvd., Buena Park, CA 90620
\$20/person ages 12 and up. Lodge Sweethearts Free!

Masonic Family Fun Night

Friday 29th @ 5pm - Fun and games with our youth orders, families, & prospects



Angels Baseball Game

Date to be determined

Cruise

3-Day Baja Mexico from Los Angeles, CA

Late September

Interior - \$50/person (Double occupancy required)

Upgrades available

Start: **Long Beach** (Los Angeles) >End: **Long Beach** (Los Angeles)

Please contact **Joseph Patronas 562-964-8999** for RSVP



Laughlin

October 3,4,5 return 6th

Bus leaves at 9am from Lodge for Laughlin - \$25/person

Includes In-n-out \$15 card up and back

Contact Frank Gillespie 562-863-6388 regarding all announcements and money collections for our upcoming events.



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SECRETARY



Greetings Brothers,

As stated in a previous trestle board, we've agreed to enroll in the Grand Master's Restoration Campaign with Grand Lodge.

Address Change

If anyone has an address change please update it, you can do so a few different ways. Your address is updated with Grand Lodge and is used for their mailings and our trestle boards.

- On your **phone or computer** login to **<https://freemason.org>** and then click on **My Profile**. From here you can update not only your address but other information as well.
- **Email** your home address to secretary@gtn273.com and I can update imember for you.
- **Write a letter** to the lodge addressed to me Jason Tucker and I can update imember for you.
- If needed you can **call** the lodge office and leave a voicemail with your information

Masonic Outreach Services

(888) 466-3642 are available to Masonic Members, that may experience hardships related to aging, economic difficulties, or other stressful circumstances.

Fraternally,
Jason Tucker
Secretary
Office: (562) 863-9101
Email: secretary@gtn273.com

TEMPLE BOARD



Greetings from the Temple Board,

We are currently working on upgrading our lights in the dinning room, We got the second phase of the roof repairs approved and are working on scheduling with the contractors, and we have added wheels to all 4 kitchen trash cans to make people's lives easier. As always any issues you may find feel free to send us an email at the address below.

Thank you,
Andrew Demofonte H. A.
Norwalk Masonic Building Association President
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MEETINGS



Order of Eastern Star
Meetings: 1st and 3rd Wed



Job's Daughters Bethel No. 241
Meetings: 2nd & 4th Sat



Buena Park Rainbow Girls #231
Meetings: 2nd & 4th Mon



Excelsior DeMolay
Meetings: 2nd and 4th Wed

Masonic History in August

August 4, 1753: George Washington Becomes a Master Mason

On this day, Brother George Washington, a key figure in American history, completed his Masonic journey to become a Master Mason in Fredericksburg, Virginia. His active participation in the Craft, including serving as Worshipful Master, highlights the deep connection between early American leaders and Freemasonry's principles of liberty and public service.

August 9, 1863: The First Lodge in Idaho Was Chartered

Boise Lodge No. 1 received its charter on this date, becoming the first Masonic lodge in Idaho. This event underscores Freemasonry's vital role in the American westward expansion, providing community, moral guidance, and brotherly support in new territories.

August 11, 1904: Freemasons Lay the Cornerstone for the New City Hall in Savannah, Georgia

Continuing a long-standing tradition, the Masons of Savannah laid the cornerstone for their new City Hall. This public ceremony demonstrated the Craft's commitment to civic development, good governance, and the enduring principles of architecture and design within their community.

August 20th: Recognized as a National Day of Freemasonry in Brazil

This day holds special significance for Freemasons in Brazil, commemorating the establishment of the Grande Oriente do Brasil in 1822. It is a day to honor the Craft's rich history and its contributions to Brazilian society, culture, and independence.

August 22, 1820: James Monroe Attends the Cornerstone Ceremony for the District's First City Hall

Brother James Monroe, then U.S. President, attended the cornerstone ceremony for the District of Columbia's first City Hall. His presence highlighted the strong historical ties between American leadership and Freemasonry, showcasing shared values in public service and institutional development.



Living Past Masters that are members of Golden Trowel Norwalk

David J Alexander (1986 - Brea 339)

James T Arend (2021, 2014 - GTN 273)

Hans F Bohn (1974 - San Antonio 694)

William M Booth (2009 - GTN 273)

Ronald T Easley (1975 - Lynwood 600)

Rick A Evans (2005, 1991 - Covina 334)

Gary D Gerken (1995 - Norwalk 315)

H. Frank Gillespie (1986, 1987 - Palisades 637), (2000 - GTN 273)

Joseph A Grubb Jr. (2015, 2016 - Rim of the World 711)

Travis L Halstead (2013, 2025 - Cornerstone 659)

Robert B Kirklin (2004, 2008 - Bellflower 320)

Brett A Mac Donald (1997 - Southern Calif Research 1005), (1989 - Covina 334)

Robert T Mc Adam (2002, 2003 - Norwalk 315)

Richard L Mc Adams (1986 - Tyre 741)

Glenn C Mc Elroy (1972 - Centennial 729)

Everett E Miller (1991 - Bell 483), (1999, 2003, 2006 - GTN 273)

George C Miller (1982 - Hollenbeck 319)

Robert R Mitchell (2015 - GTN 273), (1983 - Downey United 220)

Charles J Ogden (2001, 2002 - Anaheim 207)

Joseph Patronas (2016, 2018, 2019 - GTN 273)

Mark F Patton (2017, 2021, 2024, 2025 - GTN 273), (2015 - Cornerstone 659)

Roy R Pool (1973 - West Covina 446), (1999 - West Covina 446)

Romeo E Ricarte (1989 - Service 594), (2001 - Artesia Sunrise 377)

George L Rodriguez (1989 - Norwalk 315)

Charles D Rose (1990 - Norwalk 315)

Wallace M Sanderson (1980 - Jordan 654), (1975 - Golden Bowl 755)

Robert E Sickles Jr. (1985 - Norwalk 315)

David G Swanston III (1976, 1987, 1988-Lynwood 600), (2001, 2002, 2013, 2014 - GTN 273)

James R Thompson (1984 - Centennial 729)

William J Tripler (1984, 1991 - Artesia Sunrise 377)

Daryl L Weathers (1986 - Norwalk 315)

Gordon L Williams Sr. (1987, 1985, 1969 - Centennial 729)

Michael T Winford (2011 - GTN 273), (1988 - Bellflower 320)



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